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On April 7, 1959, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised this Bureau's Miami Office that the Cuban Air Force possesses no knowledge of an expedition being prepared or planned in Cuba for the invasion of Nicaragua or the Dominican Republic. The informant added that Cienfuegos is now in disfavor with Fidel Castro, Cuban Prime Minister, who is jealous of Cienfuegos' popularity. (Source is MM 635-S)

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1 - Director
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1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
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1 - Director of Naval Intelligence

1 - Office of Special Investigations
Air Force

1 - Bureau of Customs

1 - Immigration and Naturalization Service

NOTE: On 3/9/59 INS advised its Tampa Office had been informed by a normally reliable source that an invasion force would leave Cuba on 3/14/59 with Nicaragua as its destination. The Miami Office and the Legat, Havana, were alerted on 3/10/59 to furnish any information regarding such invasion attempt.